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HYDROLOGY PROJECT- II
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is providing assistance for the Hydrology Project-II;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms and conditions laid down for this assistance; and

(c) the status of said project as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank supported Hydrology Project Phase-II (HP-II) is an extension of the earlier Hydrology Project Phase-I (HP-I) and taken up by the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India w.e.f. April 5, 2006. The duration of the HP-II is six years. The total cost of the project including taxes, duties, physical & price contingencies is Rs. 631.83 crore. After negotiation with the World Bank a loan of US $ 104.98 Million was approved by World Bank as IBRD Loan. The balance amount will be funded by Government of India. The Project has been accepted by the World Bank on usual terms and conditions of World Bank funding and the principal amount of the loan is to be repaid in accordance with the Loan Agreement. The objective of the project is to extend and promote the sustained and effective use of the Hydrology Information System (HIS) by the implementing agencies concerned with water resources planning and management in the 13 States and 8 Central agencies. The project is being implemented in the States namely: Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Pondicherry, Punjab & Tamil Nadu and Central agencies namely: Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR), Central Water Commission (CWC), India Meteorological Department (IMD), Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB), National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and Central Water & Power Research Station (CWPRS).

(c) In order to manage & monitor the project effectively, all the central and State implementing agencies have constituted the steering Committees and Coordination Committees which have started functioning. As the part of Institutional Strengthening, a number of Officers from different implementing agencies engaged in the implementation of the project have been trained in various aspects of Hydrological Information System. Workshops have been conducted by central agencies i.e. MOWR, CWC, CGWB, NIH & BBMB for the officers of the implementing agencies on technical, financial and procurement aspects of implementation of the project. In addition to the above, implementing agencies have taken steps in the strengthening of infrastructure like office & training equipments, upgradation & procurement of computers & accessories. The actions for setting up of Hydrological Observation Networks in the new state implementing agencies is under progress. Procurement of three key consultancies namely: Implementation Support (Technical & Management), Decision Support System(Real Time) and Decision Support System (Planning) are under advanced stage as Requests For Proposal (RFP) have been issued to the shortlisted firms.